

House Resolution No. 360

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Valeria Cecilia Caroline Hampton Dunger, who will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on February 7, 2004, with a festive celebration at the Cape Girardeau Country Club; and

Whereas, Valeria Cecilia Caroline Hampton came into this world in Carriville, Arkansas, on February 8, 1914, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Linnie and Alec Hampton, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, following the death of her father, Valeria accepted the responsibility of raising her siblings and caring for their home so that her mother could pursue employment outside the home; and

Whereas, Valeria embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life on November 24, 1937, when she married her beloved Henry Alexander Dunger, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared thirty-one years of wedded success and happiness until his passing from this world in 1969; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Valeria Dunger enjoyed her children immensely and impressed upon them her firm belief in a strong work ethic, which was evident as she drove railroad crews to and from the Illmo depot for many years, served as a nurse's aide at LaCroix Manor, and worked at Southeast Hospital and at the Lutheran Home, from which she retired after many years of dutiful service; and

Whereas, a devout member of the Scott City First Baptist Church for seventy years, Valeria Dunger has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of her four children, Estella Barron, Larry Dunger, H.A. Dunger, and Sandy Cruse; her seven grandchildren, Marsha Haskell, Andrea Dunger, Mark Dunger, Rebecca Peak, Laura Saunders, Jennifer Cordia, and Sarah Cruse; and her two great-grandchildren, James Dunger and August Saunders; and

Whereas, now ninety years young, Valeria faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, reading the Bible each day, working crossword puzzles, watching CNN, listening to country music, and spending time with her loved ones:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Valeria Dunger as she proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Valeria Cecilia Caroline Hampton Dunger, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Lanie G. Black, III
District No. 161

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 360, adopted

February 3, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker